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SUBJECT: -ACTION MEMORANDUM - ATTENDANCE AT THE INTER-
NATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MINISTERIAL (S/S 7716485)

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION S

THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) MINISTERIAL WILL BE
HELD IN PARIS IN OCTOBER 1977. STATE DEPARTMENT D
REPRESENTATION AT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE DETERMINED. S
AT THE JUNE 27-28 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD THE US WILL BE EXPECTED TO INDICATE
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ITS PREFERENCE FOR DATES AND LIKELY MINISTERIAL LEVEL
PARTICIPANTS.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS

LAST NOVEMBER THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY INITIATED A
PROCESS TO ESTABLISH A GROUP OBJECTIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL

ENERGY AGENCY REDUCTION IN ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL BY 1985. MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED THAT A PACKAGE CONSISTING OF THE FOUR FOLLOWING ELEMENTS SHOULD BE PUT BEFORE A MINISTERIAL THIS FALL:

-- A JOINT COMMITMENT TO HOLD OIL IMPORT DEMAND TO NOT MORE THAN 26 MILLION BARRELS A DAY BY 1985 AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REDUCE OIL IMPORTS THEREAFTER;

-- ADOPTION OF A SET OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ENERGY POLICY COVERING CONSERVATION, INCREASING SUPPLY, COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NUCLEAR ENERGY AND HOLDING OUT AN OFFER OF COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY AREA TO OPEC AND THE NON-OIL LDCs. (THE FINAL SET OF PRINCIPLES WILL BE AGREED UPON AT AN IEA MEETING AT THE END OF JUNE.)

-- DECLARATIONS ON NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES BY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE OIL IMPORT OBJECTIVE; AND

-- AGREEMENT ON A PROCESS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE GROUP OBJECTIVE AGAINST THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND NATIONAL STATEMENTS AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH COUNTRY.

THE NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN WILL BE THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THIS COOPERATIVE VENTURE.

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AT THE JUNE 27-29 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD, THE PACKAGE FOR THE MINISTERIAL WILL BE FINALIZED AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO INDICATE PREFERRED DATES AND REPRESENTATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL.

STATE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH DR. SCHLESINGER'S OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION ON THE REDUCED OIL IMPORT DEPENDENCE EXERCISE. DR. SCHLESINGER'S STAFF HAS INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEND THE MINISTERIAL ON OCTOBER 5-6 AND HAS PUT THE MEETING ON HIS CALENDAR. THE ALTERNATIVE DATES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED ARE OCTOBER 10-11 OR OCTOBER 11-12.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AGREE THAT THE US ACCEPT AN IEA MINISTERIAL ON OCTOBER 5-6, OR EITHER OF THE OTHER DATES IF A CONSENSUS EMERGES FOR THEM. APPROVE/DISAPPROVE.

THAT YOU AGREE TO ATTEND ON THOSE DATES. APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU DESIGNATE UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AS

STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MINISTERIAL.

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE.

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